

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE
PARKS COMMISSION
Village Hall Auditorium
9915 39th Avenue
Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin 53158
May 5, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Pleasant Prairie Parks Commission was held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 6:00 p.m. Present were Michealene Day, Glenn Christiansen, Michael Russert, William Mills, Monica Yuhas, Troy Holm and Jim Bandura (Alternate #2, voting member). Rita Christiansen was excused. Also present were Mike Pollocoff, Village Administrator, John Steinbrink, Jr., Director of Public Works and Ruth Mack, Clerical Secretary.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Michealene Day:

It's my sad report that Kathleen Burns has asked to be relieved of her seat here on the Parks Commission. Her life has been extremely crazy and busy with work and everything. So while we cannot—it was too late when it was brought to our attention that this is what she intended to do so we can't put it on the agenda to do anything, but I wanted to let you all know that Kathleen is not going to be with us any longer and she'll be missed.

Mike Pollocoff:

I might add, Madam Chairman, the Village appointed Troy to fill Kathleen's term as a full member. Her term is up next year so we'll be going out for another alternate to take Troy's spot.

Michealene Day:

Okay, thank you. Welcome, Troy.

Troy Holm:

Thanks.

3. CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE APRIL 8, 2009 PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Michealene Day:

If there are no corrections and/or additions can I have a motion to accept the minutes as presented?

Monica Yuhas moved to approve the Parks Commission Meeting minutes of the April 8, 2009 meeting presented in their written form: Seconded by Troy Holm. Motion carried 7-0.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discuss and Approve Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin Bike & Pedestrian Trails Plan Survey

Michealene Day:

In your packet you'll also find the survey. There's 11 questions on here. John or Michael?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I was working with Catrine with the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin to kind of put together a little bit of a survey. The survey that we're looking at this evening consists of 11 questions. We're looking at marketing this with a press release, having it on Channel 25, the web, copies available at RecPlex, IcePlex, Village Hall, Prange Center, Police Department. People will be able to e-mail it in, mail it in, drop it off at a Village site. We want to make sure we get as much feedback as possible to find out what the residents are really looking for as far as the bicycle or pedestrian trails questions may be. We're really not committed to any of these 11. This is really just kind of a standard template. So if the Commission would like to see any more questions or change any one of the existing questions we can definitely do that at this time.

Michealene Day:

Did you also say the Village website?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes, the Village website also. And on the website we'll have it electronic where they can complete it on the website and just send it. It will come make to the host and then we'll send it up to the bike and ped. We'll take them at Village Hall, RecPlex, Roger Prange Center, anywhere, and we'll just send them up to be compiled.

Michealene Day:

Thank you. I'll open this up for discussion. Does anyone have any questions and/or comments about these questions or anything you'd like to add or subtract?

Michael Russert:

The only comment I have is between on road and off road bike paths. We talked about walking, running in the first part and then we talked about biking. I don't know if we could be clearer that the plan for the Village is to have both.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Okay. Is there a specific question that you're referring to, or just kind of a general statement on here?

Michael Russert:

A general introduction on here.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

So that statement would be that our bike trail is looking to have both runners, walkers and bicycles all in unison.

Michael Russert:

And is the priority still, I forgot what street, right now it's being worked on this year, and is that street 118th?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes, 85th Street we're looking to actually extending a bike lane from Highway 31 down to 39th. We're looking at extending lane markings on 80th from Cooper down into the City on 60th, and also putting in a bike lane on 91st just to the east of Sheridan Road along the railroad tracks on the south side.

Michael Russert:

And that will all be done this year?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes, those are all projects that will be done this year. And then as we're going through and designing 116th Street we're actually looking at having an off street trail ten feet wide on 116th Street from Sheridan Road all the way down to 39th Avenue as a part of that design plan to be built out in the future. And those are just a couple of the areas that we're looking at. The other ones that we're looking at obviously are the main trail by Village Green. I know that Mr. Christiansen has been working very hard on some of the Pleasant Prairie trails behind the park along the river areas and a couple other areas as identified per that contract. We'll be discussing those at our open house which is another item on the agenda that we can talk about at that time.

Michealene Day:

Any other comments?

Monica Yuhas:

I just wanted to say, John, that I find the questionnaire, 11 questions is the perfect amount. It's not going to take someone a long time to fill this out. So I'm hoping the responses will be much higher than if you were to have 20 or 25 questions. And the questions that are on this questionnaire encompass a great variety of different aspects of the trail. I'm very impressed with it and I hope we get a good response.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Thank you.

Mike Pollocoff:

Also, the question that isn't asked that should be asked is if you ask everybody if they would want all these added things would you be willing to help pay for them or use the Village budget to do these things? A lot of people say they'd like to do all things but if you ask them if they want to pay for it-

Glenn Christiansen:

The water utility will have to pay for it or do they have to pay . . . more.

Mike Pollocoff:

Right. When we do this it will be a mix of grants, aid, but locally we're going to have to come up with some money ourselves. We can make developers pay for some things but at the end of the day no one source of funds is going to pay 100 percent of it. I don't think we're going to get by and get it all donated to us either.

Michealene Day:

I think that would be a very good question to put on there.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Okay, we'll add that on to the survey. Thank you.

Troy Holm:

We're adding on two. One, would you use something like this and, two, would you pay for it.

Mike Pollocoff:

Well, you know, would you be willing to have the Village pay a share of the cost for these, even a proportionate share. Assuming we get grants, assistance and dedications, would you be willing to support having the Village pay for some part of the trail extension.

Jim Bandura:

Mike, I guess as long as you word it that way just to give them a little explanation saying that we'll be seeking grants and whatever type of finances and based on this would you be willing to add-

Mike Pollocoff:

Help pay for the Village's share.

Glenn Christiansen:

And you would also wherever possible when you're going to redo the road it really doesn't cost that much to add a bike lane to the edge of a road when you're already there or does it?

Michealene Day:

It does.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

At least with the road striping I think it's something you can do pretty effective, and that's something that we're looking at doing right now on 85th Street from Cooper down

to 39th Avenue. We have enough roadway there to actually have an 11 foot lane for automobiles and two-way traffic, a five foot bike lane and then a six foot parking lane which really works out good. So now we're able to make that much more bicycle friendly than it was just by changing some of the line striping. So any places that we are able to do that we definitely are looking at doing it. I guess another example would be 116th. We're making sure that in our redesign we're trying to make at least some of these major arterials much more bicycle friendly than they are now.

Mike Pollocoff:

If we're doing a new road it's easy.

Glenn Christiansen:

That's what I meant.

Mike Pollocoff:

Like if you're resurfacing 93rd Street to add on another four feet for a bike lane would be proportionately fairly expense because there isn't a-

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

You would have to add some storm sewer to bury the ditch to get the extra width for the bike lane.

Glenn Christiansen:

What about like, for example, Highway C between 114th and the Interstate? At this stage of the game-

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That's part of our design right now. We actually have an off street bike lane incorporate in with that. That's going to be a part of it. And there's bike lanes on the Frontage Road also. So we are working with the State and other agencies to bring as many of these bike trails to the Village as possible. Really that's our one main conduit into Bristol on Highway C, down River Road, through some of the trails. I don't want to say over the river and through the woods but then to RecPlex.

Michealene Day:

My only over comment, and I could go either way, is to leave a box for someone if they would want to add any concerns or comments. Most of the time people who fill out a

survey do not want to make a comment, but there are some people that might say love your questions, however, I have a concern about, or I would really like you to consider whatever. So maybe if it doesn't take a lot of room leave them five or six lines if they wish to add any comments or concerns.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

By adding that we're really not going to add any more pages or anything to the survey, so we'll just make an open text box on paper and on line also, so if anyone does want to it will be available for them.

Michealene Day:

Terrific. Any other concerns or questions?

(William Mills attends.)

Michealene Day:

We're discussing the survey right now that we're going to be putting out for the populus to respond to. I don't know if you had an opportunity to look at it or not.

William Mills:

Yeah, I did.

Michealene Day:

On this line item did you have any questions or concerns you wanted to bring up with it?

William Mills:

No, I don't think so at this point.

Michealene Day:

Okay, thank you. Anything else? Do you need a motion or just say go with it?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I think I'd like to have a motion to go ahead and approve the survey as amended during the meeting.

Michealene Day:

Do I have a motion?

Troy Holm moved to approve the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin Bike & Pedestrian Trails Plan Survey. Seconded by Glenn Christiansen. Motion carried 7-0.

b. Discuss Bike & Pedestrian Trails Plan Steering Committee Meeting Date

c. Discuss Bike & Pedestrian Trails Plan Community Open House Date

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Thank you. Per last meeting we have been working on putting together our steering committee for the bike and ped trail plan. So far we have Mr. Christiansen, Mr. Holm from the Parks Commission have both asked to be on it, Mr. Scheppler, Mr. Roscioli from the Recreation Commission, Jean Werbie, Mike Spence, Village Engineer, myself, Brian Wagner, a representative that's a personal trainer that does a lot of triathlon training at the RecPlex, Jesse Riva, Mike Riva who is the President of Kenosha Velosport and Pat Finnemore who is the facilities director for KUSD as our steering committee.

Something that we're looking at doing is trying to work out when we can have some dates to have two separate items I guess. The first one would be hosting an open house sometime, and then after the open house having the steering committee meet to kind of put together or summarize what had happened at that open house and then bring some recommendations back to the Parks Commission at hopefully our June meeting if we can make all this happen within a month.

So possibly if we can work something out where the steering committee would meet potentially like at five o'clock before our next meeting in June to discuss for a half hour or 45 minutes, kind of summarize that, and by the time we go out to market our first open house, maybe somewhere in the third week of May, try to host an open house on a Wednesday or Thursday on days when the Village Hall is available. That still gives the residents a little bit of time. We can do some press releases, have it out on Channel 25 and try to market it as best that we can over a three week period. And that should be enough time to make something like that happen.

So I guess I would like to open up some conversation on dates that you guys feel is appropriate then we can just market it out. I'm sure we're going to have a hard time getting everyone out there on one certain day, but as long as we can have a majority of the people there I think it will definitely be worthwhile to do.

Michealene Day:

My personal opinion would be that it's important that staff and the Federation are most of the time represented here, so it would be my opinion that the dates should be appropriate for the two of you, that would be the foremost, that the staff and Federation can be together. And I think your suggestion of five or five thirty before the Parks Commission meeting would be a good one.

Mike Pollocoff:

We can have it at RecPlex.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We can definitely have it at RecPlex.

Mike Pollocoff:

We can fit more people there.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

For the open house you mean. That's a great idea.

Michealene Day:

For the open house, yes, but for the other meetings here probably.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

So for the steering committee then we're looking at having it on June 2nd which is the first Tuesday of the month at five o'clock here at Village Hall just before the Parks Commission. Monday is the holiday, Tuesday I would believe be a bad day, there's Commissions. I'm not sure if Wednesday the 27th is when we want to try to market our first open house. That gives us just about three and a half weeks or so to have it out. We would probably issue a press release tomorrow if they feel that that would be appropriate to do. I would work with Catrine and some of the other agencies just to make sure that everyone is available for sure.

Michealene Day:

I think that would work out well.

Monica Yuhas:

I do think you're going to want to have it before the end of May because with school

getting out you're going to see people on vacation and gone. So that Wednesday after Memorial Day would be a good day.

Michealene Day:

The 27th.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

So we will tentatively look at Wednesday, May 27th at the LakeView RecPlex at one of their rooms there and I'll work out the details with the staff at the RecPlex at a five to seven time frame should be appropriate then.

Monica Yuhas:

What are you going to do about parking out there? Out at the RecPlex at five o'clock there is no place to park.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We'll ask everyone to park in the IcePlex parking lot. I believe there's a lot more room. And then even the LakeView studio room, or if we do it in one of the rooms off of IcePlex I believe that there's more parking available on the ice side than there is on the RecPlex side. That's a great point so we'll make sure to market it as parking in the IcePlex parking lot and come in through there.

Monica Yuhas:

Thank you. Mike, do you have any concerns about having it on that Wednesday then?

Mike Pollocoff:

No.

Michealene Day:

Any other comments? It looks like we handled Items b. and c. together.

d. Review and Approve Future North Ball Field Pavilion and Playground Location

Michealene Day:

In your packet you have the pavilion and playground spotted out there.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

This year in the 2009 capital budget for park and recreation a playground was approved. Staff has purchased a playground and we do have it in a bunch of boxes laying over at the Prange Center right now. We are trying to determine a location where best to have this playground situation.

Down the road as part of our capital improvement plan for facilities, we are looking at having a pavilion on the north side of the ball diamond. So this image that you have in front of you on the screen is between ball diamonds two and three right in the center in that open grass area. What I did was I made a square exactly the same size as the concrete in the existing pavilion that we have on the south side and made this the exact same side. Because it is our plan to use the same plans for the pavilion just to cut down on engineering and design costs on the south side as the north side. Because it functions very well on the south side, and I'm sure it will function very well just as it is on the north side also.

So that kind of gives you a very good graphic representation of how much of the footprint and the overhang and some of the concrete areas on there. It's still giving us enough space of about 20 feet between the future pavilion and the playground, far enough from the ball diamonds where you're probably about a 300 foot shot to where the playground is. I was a little bit concerned about having it too close to one side or the other where a really good hit would end up in the playground. So I believe this really takes that out of the equation.

Then the red lines that you see is how we would tie the asphalt trail, one off of the existing trail so if you were walking with a small child or you wanted to stop at the playground or just sit and rest you could offer the one to the south, and then the north path would really bring you into by the pavilion area and also to the ball diamond to the north side of the playground.

Michealene Day:

I really like the asphalt path from the walking trail because a lot of times it is a nice spot just to stop, take a break.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I know when I run it I have a hard time making it all the way around. So if I had an opportunity to sit half way through I would definitely take advantage of it. We're looking at having the Tremper football team volunteer sometime as one of their community service projects for doing the labor on this. So if this is approved we'll probably have it done within the next two or three weeks, we'll try to have the kids out

there building it. It should go pretty quick. It's a little bit smaller playground than some of the other ones but it still has a lot of nice features as approved by the Parks Commission last year. It's definitely exciting to have something out there for the kids. Those fields are really used a lot and it's really exciting to have something out there for them to use. Down the road if the pavilion cannot take place at least we know we have enough of a footprint where we're not going to have any overlap or any problems with that down the road.

Michael Russert:

What will the surface be, wood chips?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It's just going to be wood chips for right now.

Michealene Day:

It's also nice, too, when you have different age groups of children it's nice to have the playground close by to the field and the pavilion right there so that you can kind of keep an eye on your kid playing and your other kid playing on the playground.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Right. It's going to be an easy view from a lot of areas but still have access off of the walking path.

Michealene Day:

Correct. I think you did an excellent job situating this for both the future pavilion and the playground. Any questions, comments?

Troy Holm:

How far did you say the walking path was from the ball diamond from where they hit. It looks like it's less than 280 feet.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I believe the fences are 200 feet. And to where the playground is might be another 80 feet just looking at it, about 280 without scaling it. And the footprint of the playground itself isn't that big but that's kind of the area of the mulch and the border around it. I'm not saying that no one will ever hit a ball out there, but you'd really have to put it on the back side of the parking lot to the north across Terwall Terrace. So we tried to situate it as far to the south as we could.

Michael Russert:

I have one other general questions. Is there any other plans for future development of the area around the lake for development such as additional parks, pavilions, or is this pretty much the last project that you see?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

One of the things that the RecPlex, and I believe that they have budgeted for this year, is some workout stations around the area, like an area where you can stop and do sit ups, pull ups, push ups and different active recreation areas. I really don't know all of the stations for sure or how they plan on doing it, but I do believe it's something that's planned out for there. I'm sure this summer you'll be something else out there. We're really doing a good job of filling the lake up around the lake. By the time you have a playground on the west side, the boat launch a little bit more to the eastern side, the playgrounds here, the ball diamonds here, the other side of the ice and pool. I don't believe there's any other major active or nonactive amenities planned for the park as far as our capital goes.

Michealene Day:

I'm really looking forward to the new playground. I bring my grandson out there and on certain times of the day you can't get your kid anywhere near that park, all the playground equipment is used. It will be very nice to have something to yourselves. He's only three.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yeah, a little bit more isolated. One of the playgrounds that I drive by often is the one on 104th Avenue, and every time I drive by there there's a handful of kids out there playing on Saturdays and weekends and evenings and that at night out there playing. I guess that's another one in that area that really has been well received, and I've received a lot of good feedback from the neighbors in the area. Vandalism hasn't been a problem at all ever since we kind of opened it up like we have, and that's really been working well. It's our goal every year or every other year to build a playground for the community.

Michealene Day:

Terrific. If there's no other questions or comments can I entertain a motion to accept the proposed ballfield pavilion and playground as presented.

Jim Bandura moved to approve the future north ball field pavilion and playground location. Seconded by Troy Holm. Motion carried 7-0.

6. PARKS COMMISSION COMMENTS

Michealene Day:

Do we have any Parks Commission comments?

Troy Holm:

I have one comment. There is a referendum at my wife's school out in Salem that didn't get passed. Basically what's happening is the school is losing a lot of funds in order to have after school activities like track and other activities. I'm just wondering if it's the Parks Commission's responsibility in case something like this happens in our community, if some kind of referendum gets turned down that they can't fund these types of things that we get involved in doing something for the families that are affected by this, like doing something more at the RecPlex, adding more sports teams or something like that?

Mike Pollocoff:

RecPlex already has a fairly large after school program where we pick up kids from everywhere in unified, but I think there's 12 elementary schools where they come to RecPlex and we keep them busy with getting their homework done and doing whatever whether it's ice skating or swimming or playing in the field house. We entertained a couple times with Unified the ability to have a pre-intermurals for the kids in middle schools, the ones that are most likely to be in trouble if you leave them alone too long and there really hasn't been a lot of support for that. But I think if the budget is tightened up and they were faced with the same dilemma we could probably take care of a healthy number of them year 'round and some activities could maybe take place in the park.

I think we have about 140 kids in after school programs right now and we only get one bus from Unified from Pleasant Prairie Elementary. Everybody else we have to shuttle there. I think if that was to happen in the Kenosha Unified School District hopefully we'd have some notice and we could put together an alternative program that would give the kids a chance to do something that they took away from them in the Unified school system.

Michealene Day:

Any other comments?

William Mills:

Just one comment. I just wanted to make a comment about my family and I took a walk back through the woods off of Lake Andrea and was able to see the bridge. That was the quest was to make it to the bridge with my five year old and ten year old. The amount of

work that the Tremper group has put out is rather impressive. I mean they've gone quite a ways with that bridge. I guess I would just recommend to anyone before the mosquitos get too bad that it's a nice walk back there and rather impressive how far they've gone with that bridge. John, what is their ultimate goal I guess in trying to link up to the other side?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Actually the Village on May 1st applied for a grant which would really be phase 2 of 3 phases to make our tie into River Road. There's another 420 feet they were looking at going to the north, really in a northwest direction, probably 25 or 30 degrees west of where we're headed now to get us into some of the highest land. I've already spoken with the construction teacher at Tremper and he's ready to devote an entire semester of just having those kids out there working again. He said those kids really got a lot of real world experience. Maybe at the next Parks Commission meeting we'll put together a little slide show that kind of shows some of the pictures before, during and after. I mean it shows some of these kids carrying a 500 pound beam on top of the concrete pillars. We really put them to work old school. It was really good to see the kids put that much effort into it. They really got a lot out of it. It was a very positive experience. So we did apply for a grant. I have spoken with people at the DNR and they're very excited about completing this project.

Michealene Day:

We have been very blessed to have the schools, like you said, the Tremper kids and the construction kids and the boy scouts all volunteer their time. That's made a vast improvement to our parks and to our community at large. Sometimes our youth, the good youth and all the good things that they do sometimes go unnoticed. You only read about the kids that are always in trouble. Would there be an opportunity or a time, perhaps at Pleasant Prairie Days, when we're giving out awards or we're making comments that we can't recognize the Tremper football team, the construction team, let them know some of the good things that they've done in our community?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I think that's a great idea and that's something we can definitely coordinate in the future. It really is important to keep this relationship going strong with a lot of those groups. They really are providing a lot of positive amenities into the Village. Something else which I forgot to add on the agenda tonight but I'll speak of anyway, one of the Eagle Scouts on picnic area five, which is the area just to the west side of the beach pavilion, completed his Eagle Scout project about a week ago, maybe two weeks ago, and he built a fire pit out there with his troop and it's really, really nice. I'll make sure at our next meeting we take some pictures and maybe we'll even invite him in and thank him for the hard work that him and his troop did. It's really something that's going to be well used in

the future by all the residents and people in the area.

Michealene Day:

I think that sometimes we tend to forget to thank all the volunteers that we have in our community and we really do have a lot to help with Pleasant Prairie Days, triathlon, the young kids are getting involved. I think it would be really important to publically thank them. Any other comments?

Michael Russert:

I have a question. Last year about this time we put a gravel area for the future Phil Sanders memorial looking out to the south to the wetlands. I just want to know what the status of that project is.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

The status is pretty much where it was a year ago. We actually had two projects that were going on at that same time. One was the Phil Sanders memorial and the other one was the veterans memorial. We were able to push ahead and acquire enough donations and funds to build the veterans memorial. We really haven't been working too hard with everything else that we've had going on with the Phil Sanders. It is something that's important and maybe we can work on acquiring funds to complete that dedication within the 2009 year possibly.

Michael Russert:

Thank you.

Michealene Day:

Any other comments?

Glenn Christiansen:

Over the last month you may have noticed my hand has been bandaged up so I've got a lot of free time on my hands. I went visiting a few of the areas along the river, the woods by Lake Andrea, the bridge when the water was at its highest. It's really something when you walk the woods, take the time to really walk the woods and look around. I think people kind of forget that there's really something out there. There's an extensive trail system out there. It is rather a unique woods when you can see out around the area. Some day it will be kind of nice if we get people to use it and appreciate that we actually have something like that out there.

Rita and I went out and spent an afternoon a couple of weekends ago out on the bridge

when everything was flooded. That was rather impressive. The birdwatching was phenomenal. I guess the point is we kind of forget that we have this special area out there. I guess I'd just like to make the comment that we have it and we have to find a way to utilize it. I think if you can get people to utilize it you would get some more interest in the area and that may help all the way around to get people involved. I think a lot of people just simply forget that that is out there. It really is unique.

On one of the walks out there I was amazed at the spring flowers growing the woods. Walking along all of a sudden I stumbled onto a location where somebody at one time, probably a 100 years ago or better, had a hunting cabin in the woods. The remains of it to some degree are there but it's rotted away and what's left of it is scarring the soil. It just kind of makes you wonder what all is out there that you just don't see until you actually go out and explore. It's a unique area.

William Mills:

I wonder, just a comment, when my family was walking back through the woods my wife must have asked us two or three times is it okay for us to walk back in here? Maybe there is something from a trail head or some sort of identification that—

Glenn Christiansen:

At one time there were signs printed with a little arrow you are here and there were half a dozen of them posted. In a way it would be nice to put those back up. I had no problem keeping up with where I was. I didn't feel lost. Rita said, how do you know where you are? Where's the car? That way. Which way is north? That way. But the average person could wander around in circles out there because there are a couple of loops that come back, and there's that central intersection where there must be five or six trails coming into one point.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We have another Eagle Scout project that I've been working with for about four months, and it's actually funny that you say that, he's looking at going down and redoing some of those trail heads. So far he's gone out and GPS'd a little handheld unit, a really, really bright youngster, went out and GPS'd the trail as a whole, overlaid it on a Google map and he's making some really nice trail heads. Maybe something we should do in the future is that if any Eagle Scouts do have a Eagle Scout project have them bring it to the Parks Commission just to be approved to do it and that will expose it out to the public and really keep the Parks Commission up to speed with some of the projects that are going on.

Glenn Christiansen:

Having that map would be very nice and it would be very helpful for people. The other thing that has become apparent on some of the walks is in three places I came to three different places that I visited in all of my walks that I took that kind of reminded me the one problem that we are faced with is trying to protect the area or the areas. One of them somebody had cut a tree down out in Momper's woods and they had severely scarred and rutted part of the . . . Trail. In a way it's kind of unfortunate. All that's left of that trail now is what's in the woods and somebody went in there and cut down an oak tree that was just on the edge of the trail. Going north from the driveway going in they really rutted it and it's really kind of a shame.

At some point somebody had built a well pit right in the middle of the trail. That you can't do anything about, people going in there and cutting down and cutting up trees and driving in there. It's a shame to scar up a trail that's 200 years old and you're down to the last 100 yards of it. It's amazing when you get beyond that area the trail is very clear. You get south of the boulder or you get north of the well pit that trail is very clear and recognizable. But from the well pit down to the driveway is pretty scarred. The other thing, too, is in the woods it is sensitive, the nature of what is out there, and keeping people on the trail. Obviously you and I have discussed over the last few years management and so forth and how do we make it accessible to people.

Michealene Day:

Thank you. Any other comments? Before we adjourn I thought that our conversations this evening were very good. Thanks, Glenn, for showing the trail . . . I appreciate it, and your experience, too in walking back there by the bridge.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Troy Holm moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Glenn Christiansen. Motion carried 7-0.

Michealene Day:

Thank you. Have an enjoyable evening.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 p.m.